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LOK SABHA

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PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for setting up of primary schools in the rural areas with the assistance of the World Bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the amount allocated for the purpose during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(d) the details of rural areas where primary schools are likely to be set up with the assistance of World Bank during the year 2007-08; and

(e) the time by which this proposal is likely to be finalised ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (e): The World Bank had funded the District Primary Education Programme(DPEP) and the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan(SSA) as an ongoing programme, accepting the existing framework, guidelines and implementation mechanisms of the programme. The assistance provided by the World Bank is on reimbursement basis, when Central Government funds provided for these programmes are first utilized. Furthermore, World Bank funds are not earmarked for any specific component, such as a set of schools.

The World Bank had provided for US $ 500 million between 2004-05 to 2006-07, for the SSA programme. Under the SSA, 2.4 lakh schools have been sanctioned upto 2006-07. The DPEP programme is only functional in 9 districts of Rajasthan presently, with World Bank funding tied up for US $ 74.34 million over the period 2001 to March 2007. 729 primary school buildings have been sanctioned under this programme.